



REMARKS

As an initial matter, originally numbered claims 65-105 have been amended to correct their numbering to claims 66-106, respectively.

In the Office Action, a restriction was made requiring election of one of the following groups:

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| Group I | Claims 1 to 10 and 70 to 78; |
| Group II | Claims 11 to 20 and 79 to 87; |
| Group III | Claims 21 to 27; |
| Group IV | Claims 28 to 40; |
| Group V | Claims 41 to 50; |
| Group VI | Claims 51 to 60; |
| Group VII | Claims 61 to 70; |
| Group VIII | Claims 71 to 99; |
| Group IX | Claims 100 to 106. |

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention designated by the examiner as Group IX, i.e., correctly numbered claims 100-106. Thus, Applicants have withdrawn herein without prejudice claims 1-99 (as correctly numbered).

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

FEEES

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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